## REMARKS

Claims 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Ruzicka in view of Colvin, and further in view of Perret. Fig. 12 of Ruzicka discloses a drive socket in a rotary wrenching tool with a plurality of rounded inwardly directed lobes with contact surfaces opposite a plurality of non-contact surfaces positioned about a center, and recesses between the lobes and non-contact sections. The Examiner acknowledged that Ruzicka does not teach the transitions to be curved. Colvin was cited as teaching the equivalence between a transition which is not curved and smooth and a transition which is curved, and the Examiner referred to Figs. 4, 15 and 16 of Colvin. Claim 20 recites "curved recesses defined in the drive socket, said curved recesses being located between the non-contact sections and the adjacent rounded lobes." In Fig. 4, Colvin discloses curved connecting surfaces 42 between non-contact flat surfaces 34 on either side of the curved connecting surfaces. Colvin does not disclose, teach or suggest curved recesses located between non-contact sections and rounded lobes, as is claimed.

The paragraph at column 4, beginning at line 52 of Perret, was cited as teaching the equivalence of a drive socket formed in a fastener and a drive socket being formed in a tool. This paragraph states "The configuration according to the invention is applicable not only to the male head of driven elements, but also to the drive impressions of the female type. The invention is equally applicable to various products including screws, nuts and corresponding tightening keys, and to connectors and other transmission

coupings [sic] in general, as well as to tools to be used with these connections or couplings, among which we might mention tightening keys, male or female." However, the configuration according to Perret concerns a torque transmitting coupling including both a male head and a female element with corresponding shapes. In the present invention, the fastener presents a drive socket with a shape that is quite different from the shape of a standard key driver, and the portion in Perret cited by the Examiner says nothing about the equivalence of a drive socket formed in a fastener and a drive socket being formed in a tool.

It is respectfully submitted that Ruzicka, Colvin and Perret, either taken separately or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest curved recesses located between non-contact sections and rounded lobes, as is claimed, and that Claims 20-25 are novel and inventive over Ruzicka, Colvin and Perret, either taken separately or in combination. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 20-25 on the grounds of obviousness from Ruzicka in view of Colvin, and further in view of Perret should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

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